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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SECURING A LIST OF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 7, 20, 27, 43, and 49 as the following:

6. (Twice Amended) A method for securing data and for providing secure access to the data comprising the steps of:

creating a graphical image;

encrypting said data using said graphical image as an encryption key, wherein said encryption key is formed from a character set, and

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